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# PRICE, THREE CENTS SUBMIT NEW PLAN TO CUT GENERAL PROPERTY LEVY SENATOR TO OFFER TWENTY-THREE CHANGES IN PACT POSTPONE ACTION ON WAGE DEMAND OF RAIL WAY MEN

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# MEN AWAIT RETURN OF NORMAL TIMES

Opposes Plan to Increase Freight Rates to Provide Funds.

TWO STATEMENTS ISSUED MAKING APPEAL TO LOYALTY

Says It Is Duty of Every Citizen to Insist Upon a Truce.

AFFECTS THOUSANDS OF MEN

General Policy Pronounced Applies to Requests Which Are Pending Before Director-General Hines.

WASHINGTON, August 25, - Postlitions are restored was announced oday by President Wilson as the polby which the administration will purdealing with such questions,

The President announced also that me, when the important question benal price level, to attempt to increase reight rates to provide funds for

sort until we have the opportuity for certain calculations as to the Other Demands Affected.

eral Hines recommended that the new rate of pay be made retroactive from May 1, although the board's report was nade July 16, the date of report gen-rally being taken as the retroactive

date.

Under the new scale of wages, machinists, toolmakers, boilermakers, riveters, blacksmiths, sheet metal workers and electricians, all of whom now receive 68 cents an hour, will receive 72 cents. Helpers will receive 49 cents an hour instead of the present wage of 15 cents.

of 15 cents. Strike Vote Is Completed.

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Acting President Jewell, of the railway employees' department of the American Federation of Labor, and his advisers said they would communicate the decision to the union locals for acceptance or rejection. A strike vote completed yesterday, but not yet tabulated, was on the question of whether the men should quit work to enforce consideration of their demands by the railroad administration instead of by a congressional commission as first sugcongressional commission as first sug-gested. As this plan was abandoned gested. As this plan was abandoned, the vote, whatever its result, is non-effective and the shopmen now have an entirely new question before them. This question they were asked by President Wilson, through their committee, to consider "in a new light."
"We are face to face with a situation," the President said, "which is more likely to affect the happiness and prosperity, and even the life of our people, than the war itself."

Outlines Efforts to Cut Prices

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He thereupon outlined the government's efforts to reduce prices and the need for assisting these efforts by stimulating production and maintaining transportation.

"A general increase in the levels of wages might defeat this at its very beginning," the President said. "I believe that the present efforts to reduce the costs of living will be successful, if no new elements of difficulty are thrown in the way. I confidently count upon the men engaged in the service of the railways to assist, not obstruct. They are good Americans, along with the rest of us, and may, I am sure, be counted on to see the points.

"It goes without saying that if our

Mr. Hines' recommendation to the President as to the amount of increase to be given went enhaustively into the reasons advanced by the shopmen as to the necessity for more pay. He showed that the average increase in shopmen's earnings was in excess of the total increase in the cost of living from July 1, 1915, and August 1, 1919, due to the fact that standardization adopted at the request of the employees had given (Continued on Second Page.) (Continued on Second Page.)

Excerpts from President's

WASHINGTON, August 25.—Here is the keynote of President Wilson's statement to the railway employees' department of the American Federation of Labor today:

We are face to face with a situation which is more likely to affect the happiness and prosperity, and even the life, of our people than the war likelf.

We have now got to do nothing less than bring our industries and our labor of every kind back to a normal basis after the greatest upheaval known to history. And the winter just ahead of us may bring suffering infinitely greater than the war brought upon us if we blunder or fail in the process.—An admirable spirit of self-sacrifice, of patriotic devotion and of community action guided and inspired us while the fighting was on. We shall need all these now, and need them in a heightened degree, if we are to accomplish the first tasks of peace.

They are more difficult than the tasks of war—more complex and less easily understood—and require more intelligence, patience and sobrlety.

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less ensily understoon—and require more intelligence, patience and solviety.

We mobilized our man power for the fighting, let us now mobilize our brain power and our con-sciences for the reconstruction. If we fail, it will mean national dispater.

## HEAD OF NORTHERN ROAD **WOULD HAVE WOMEN VOTE**

Says Question of Deciding Upon Strike Should Be Determined by Most Affected.

LINES ARE NOW IN BAD SHAPE

Howard Elliott Asserts 25 Per Cent Increase in Rates Must Follow Return of Railroads to Private Ownership.

WASHINGTON, August 25.-A 25 per ent increase in railroad rates must vate ownership, Howard Elllott, president of Northern Pacific Railroad, told

rates would hamper business or in-crease the cost of living, Mr. Elliott replied that the effect in his opinion had been exaggerated, but he did not

#### HIGHWAYMEN HOLD UP NEGRESS ON SUFFOLK STREET, TAKING \$628

Brazen Crimes Reach Climax in Daylight Robbery Near Police Station.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SUFFOLK, VA., August 25.—When
Lauder Skeeter, a colored woman, was
held up and robbed of \$628 this morning on Clay Street in Suffolk, within
one block of the police station, the
fire department and the municipal
building at 10:40 o'clock, the climax
of the bold robberies that have terrorized the people of this city seemed
to have been reached.

Lauder Skeeter had just cashed a
government check for back allotments
amounting to \$628 at the Farmers'
Bank of Nansemond, and had taken
the currency, against the advice of
bank officials, when she was held up
by two negro men near the Armory
Hall and her roll was taken. Robberies of homes at night, and the
brutal braining of a Suffolk merchant
in his store by a negro highwayman,
are some of the terrors that Suffolk
has undergone for the past two weeks.

#### SEND FLYERS OUT IN HUNT FOR TWO MISSING AVIATORS

Plan to Extend Search Along Coast of Gulf of California if Necessary.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., August 25.—The scarch for the missing aviators, Lieutenants Waterhouse and Connolly, supposed to be lost south of the border, is being vigorously prosecuted by two detachments of United States troops, and late today a third detachment was scheduled to start for the Rosecrans, near here, to take part in the search.

The first two detachments have crossed the border, carrying six days'

points.

"It goes without saying that if our efforts to bring the cost of living down should fall, it will be, of course, necessary to accept the higher costs as a permanent basis of adjustment, and rallway wages should be adjusted along with the rest."

"The first two detachments have crossed the border, carrying six days food supply. If the hunt through Lower California fails to discover the missing officers, the seachers will proceed along the coast of the Gulf of California. One of the detachments have crossed the border, carrying six days food supply. If the hunt through Lower California fails to discover the missing officers, the seachers will proceed along the coast of the Gulf of California. One of the detachments have crossed the border, carrying six days food supply. If the hunt through Lower California fails to discover the missing officers, the seachers will proceed along the coast of the Gulf of California. One of the detachments have crossed the border, carrying six days food supply. If the hunt through Lower California fails to discover the missing officers, the seachers will proceed along the coast of the Gulf of California. One of the detachments have crossed the border, carrying six days food supply. If the hunt through Lower California fails to discover the missing officers, the seachers will proceed along the coast of the Gulf of California. One of the detachments have crossed the border, carrying six days food supply. If the hunt through Lower California fails to discover the missing officers, the seachers will proceed along the coast of the Gulf of the work of or take the place of strikers.

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# Statement to Workers SAVE PEACE TREATY, MAPP ANTI-TRUST PLEA OF PRESIDENT

fer With Senator Claude Swanson.

AMENDMENT OPENS UP WAY ITS PROVISIONS ARE DRASTIC

Adoption Believed to Forecast Patron Gives Credit for Measure Failure as Far as U. S. Is Concerned.

BY JAMES R. NOURSE. WASHINGTON, August 25 .- The prereaty has been forced by the adoption

the treaty alike realize that adoption of this amendment by the Senate will mean the complete failure of the treaty so far as the United States is concerned, and they know, too, that England, France and Japan are not likely to agree to the amendment.

Urges Heroic Measures.

The President, it is said, is thoroughly alive to the possibilities created by the acceptance of the amendment by the Foreign Relations Committee, He is said to have urged upon Senator Swanson the adoption of heroic measures to save the treaty by having the Senate. It is expected that a definite statement on the subject will be made by the President himself or by Senator Swanson with the President's audion of the subject will be made by the Swanson with the President's audion of the subject will be made by the Swanson with the President's audion of the subject will be made by the Swanson with the President's audion of the subject will be made by the Swanson with the President's audion of the subject will be made by the Swanson with the President's audion of the subject will be made by the Swanson with the President's audion of the subject will be made by the Swanson with the President's audion of the subject will be made by the Swanson with the President's audion of the subject will be made by the Swanson with the President's audion of the subject will be made by the Swanson with the President's audion of the subject will be made by the Swanson will be subject will be made by the subject will be made by the subject will be subject the House Interstate Commerce Committee today. This estimate, he added, was made on the assumption that there would be no more wage increases or advances in material costs.

"Would 25 per cent increase solve the problem for the whole country?" asked Representative Sims, Democrat, Tennessee.

"I think it would," responded Mr. Elliott, adding that he preferred the linerease to the continued paymate increase to the added. Supporters of the amendment in the Supporters of the amendment by the Senate claimed today that chances for the adoption of the amendment in the Supporters of the amendment by the Senate claimed today that chances for the adoption of the amendment by the Senate claimed today that chances for the adoption of the amendment in the Supporters of the adoption of the amendment by the Senate claimed today that chances for the adoption of the amendment by the Senate claimed today that chances for the adoption of the amendment by the Senate Claimed today that chances for the adoption of the amendm

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A canvass of the committee today indicates that the precedent established by the adoption of the amendment on Shantung is likely to be followed in the voting on the Fall amendments. In fact, the adoption of the Shantung amendment has broken the ice and leaves the committee free to adopt as many other amendments as it may believe desirable, inasmuch as the adoption by the Senate of the Shantung amendment alone will necessitate resubmission of the treaty to the peace conference.

Administration men in the Senate have been given a cause for real concern by the staden "flop" of Senator Shields, of Tennessee, to the side of the reservationists. Senator Shields, a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, has given out an interview in Knoxville. Tenn., in which he states that the Pittman reservations are not vote for the treaty unless American rights are protected by drastic reservations which other nations must accept.

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Among other things in his published statement. Senator Shields said: "I am opposed to any covenant that will involve the United States in every broll that may be waged throughout the world. While the Pittman reservations seem satisfactory to many Senators, and while they would more than likely be acceptable to me, I really prefer a much stronger set of reservations.

### BROTHERHOOD MEN MUST COMPLY WITH CONTRACTS

Locomotive Engineers' Chief Sends In-structions to Pacific Coast Members,

CLEVELAND, August 25.-Instrucions to carry out their contracts were ent to members of the firemen's, train-men's and engineers' brotherhoods, of the Pacific Coast late today, according to Warren S. Stone, head of the loco-

was led by Captain C. O. Crank, of the medical corps.

Washington, August 25.—Passports, ing to France, Belgium, Spain, Portugal, Italy and Northern Africa, except Egypt, on and after September 15, the State Department announced today in correcting a previous announcement, which set October 1 as the date.

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Wilson Calls at Capitol to Con- Courts of Justice Committee of Senate Orders Favorable Report.

to Former Chief of State Legislative Bureau.

Mapp antitrust act, which is being considered at this special session by gested that, at an early date, a bill be

introduced to validate all acts passed code which will be the law of the validating act is thought necessary by ce at the Capitol.

Although Senator Swanson was unmmunicative as to the discussion which took place, it is known that the
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before being approved the antitrust bill was amended in many particulars by the committee, but the amendments are of a minor nature and touch mainly the question of procedure. The bill itself is a drastic measure, and provides a jail sentence for first offenders and a penitentiary sentence for those who violate its provisions a second time. It is aimed at trusts and combines generally, but agricultural and horticultural associations and labor organizations are exempted from its provision.

Dull Day in Senate. business was transacted by the at its session yesterday, accomplishments of that body

# SERVICE INAUGURATED

ment of commercial aerial traffic. It is the first country to inaugurate regular airship passenger service.

A new passenger-carrying Zeppelin called "Bodensec," completed since the signing of the armistice, arrived here yesterday afternoon with twenty-five passengers from Friedrichshafen, on the Swiss border. It covered the distance in six hours, exactly one-third of the time required by trains.

The big Zeppelin landed quickly, quietly and smoothly in the teeth of a forty-mile gale. American army officers who watched the landing were impressed with the airship's control and maneuvering, despite the violent rainstorm.

The trip is taken to demonstrate the practicability of regular aerial passenger traffic.

It was the maiden voyage of the "Bodensee," which, though huge in size, is much smaller than the military craft used during the war. The trip marks the beginning of regular traffic between Berlin and the Swiss border. As soon as possible, it is expected to be extended to Copenhagen and Stockholm.

#### ROYAL MAIL SHIP STRIKES ROCK ENTERING BERMUDA

er Chaudiere So Badly Damaged It is Unable to Continue Voyage.

By Associated Press.1 HALIFAX. N. S., August 25,—The Royal Mail Packet Company's steamer Chaudiere has gone ashore at Bermuda, according to messages received here. The steamer struck a rock. She sailed from here last Friday with nearly 100 passengers for Barbadoes and Demerara. The Chaudiere registers 2,500 tons.

### Charge H. C. L. Is Responsible for Mania of Public for Buying Speculative Stocks

NEW YORK, August 25,-The high cost of living is being held responsible for the mania manifested by the public for the preferred and common shares of new and old cornecessities is causing many thou-

bankers, have been buying oil stocks with their savings.

Large brokerage houses say they are holding more oil shares for speculation and investors than ever in the history of the country, and that the word "oil" acts like a magnet in drawing surplus funds from savings banks, tin boxes and mattresses.

Persons who were passer asserts

Persons who were never suspected of having money that they could be induced to put in securities have had their savings lured from hiding places and used for the purchase of oil shares.

while the speculative merry-goround in the stock market continues, investment bankers sit at
their desks doing nothing but complain about the duliness of business.
They declare that the public does
not want high-grade bonds, but
wants to speculate, adding that if
a speculation is offered in one hand
and a good investment in another,
the chances are ten to one that the
prospective purchaser will take the
speculative stock.

### PRESIDENT OF IRELAND SEEKS TO INCLUDE RENT WILL PLEAD CAUSE HERE

Eamon de Valera to Give Richmond People Reason for Granting

Noted Leader in Irish Republic Movement to Arrive in City at 7:10 o'Clock Today-Will Honor Washington's Memory.

people of Richmond tonight the cause right of self-determination and freedom from the British government.

The visitor's address at the City Auditorium tonight at \$:15 o'clock will come as a climax to a day full of social events for the Irish nationalist. He will arrive in Richmond this morning at 7:10 o'clock, when he are reason why Congress should a like the high cost of living if Congress a duce the high cost of living if Congress abuse of living if Co will be met at Broad Street Station by a reception committee composed of Judge Joseph T. Lawless, of Norfolk, former secretary of the Commonwealth; D. C. O'Flaherty, president of Patrick Henry Branch, Friends of Irish Freedom; James C. Gordon, president of Yorktown Branch, of Norfolk, MC. G. Finnigan, of Richmond, and Edward L. Rysn, State president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

The will be carried on a sight-seeled to the first the city, to an another the former seems of the city, to an another the first the firs of Friday indocesses and anti-rent-hog amendment, the House and will pass a rent-gouger law if separately introduced."

One feature of the Johnson bill will provide that in the case of furnished rooms, no more than 15 per cent of the cost of the furniture may be added to the rent price of the rooms furnished.

The Kentucky member already has

an "anti-rent-hog" bill for the District to of Columbia pending. He declares that we been invited, will be tendered him at the Jefferson Hotel.

Mayor Ainslie will be received at the mass-meeting at the City Auditorium as the guest of Patrick Henry Branch, and will be presented to the audience as such. The Mayor will present Governor Davis as the Governor of Virginia, a guest of the city of Richmond. Governor Davis, as callef executive of the State, will then present Eamon de Valera as a distinguished visitor in Virginia and not as "president of the Irish republic."

The committee appointed to invite Governor Davis to the meeting at the City Auditorium is composed of Judge Lawless, James C. Gordon and D. C. O'Flakerty.

The concert at the auditorium will begin at 7:30 o'clock, the orchestra

O'Flaherty.

The concert at the auditorium will begin at 7:30 o'clock, the orchestra of twenty-five pieces playing Irish airs while the audience is being seated. When President O'Flaherty, of the Patrick Henry branch, is called on to preside at the chair "America" will resound through the auditorium, and as the Governor and the Mayor enter on the platform, the orchestra will burst forth with the national anthem. "Dixie" and "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny" will be included on the musical program. musical program.

### AMERICAN BORDER PATROL RETURNS TO ITS STATIONS

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Punitive Expedition Drives Outlaws From District Bordering on Big Bend Country.

(By Associated Press.)

MARFA, TENAS., August 25.—The American cavalry border patrol tonight rested in home stations between Presidio and Hester's ranch after six days in Mexico in pursuit of the bandits who kidnaped and held for ransom two American aviators.

With the reported killing of Jesus Renteria, leader of the bandits, and four other bandits, capture of nine by Mexican troops and arrest of six suspects by the Americans, Major J. P. Yaneey declared the fourth punitive expedition into Mexico had accomplished its object of clearing bandits from the section of Mexico just below the border from the Big Bend (Texas) region.

Tomorrow the troops will resume patrolling the American border communities as a safeguard against bandits from south of the Rio Grande. It will be an alert border guard, in view of reports today that the Mexican incursion had aroused the natives of Northern Mexico, who have been more or less friendly with the outlaws.

CAPTAIN SAYS CARRANZA

#### CAPTAIN SAYS CARRANZA TROOPS BLOCKED SEARCH

Report With Commander of Big Bend District. (By Associate | Press. )

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CANDELARIA, TEX., August 25.—
The American punitive expedition into Mexico was deterred from continuing the pursuit of Mexican bandits who held the American aviators for ransom, by the presence of Carranza troops, six miles north of Coyame, Chihauhua, Saturday, according to a report made by Captain Leonard Matlack, of the Eighth Cavairy, here tonight to Colonel George T, Langhorne, commander of the Big Bend district.

Bill Will Be Introduced Today Defining Houses as "Necessa-

Charge Is Made That Washington Property Holders Have Run Their Profits as High as 500 Per Cent Under War Conditions.

WASHINGTON, August 25 .- The De-Irish republic, will plead before the partment of Justice will be authorized of Ireland, giving reasons advanced by to include rent profiteers in all parts a portion of the citizens of the Emerald of the country in its campaign to re-Isle why she should be granted the duce the high cost of living if Congress

## FIELD AFTER FAST TRIP FROM TORONTO HANGAR

Coombs First to Land, Covering Distance in Three Hours and a Half.

# OF AMERICAN AND WIFE

When J. Kilpatrick Leaves, Form to Ald Expedition Assailants Visit Ilis Home.

CANDELARIA, TEX. August 25.—
Shortly after the American punitive expedition column entered Mexico, an attempt was made to assassinate J. Kilpatrick and his wife on their irrigation farm near Candelaria.

The story was told today for the first time when their son, Dawkins Kilpatrick, who had been with the column in Mexico, arrived at his home.

Two bullets were fired by the would be assassins. The first lodged in the ceiling and the second, Gred at Mrs. Kilpatrick as she fied from the room, whistled by her cheek and broke a mirror.

# DECLARE REPORT IS DISAPPOINTING

Does Not Provide Sufficient Funds to Meet Federal Aid.

SHORTAGE IS \$900,000 FOR TWO-YEAR PERIOD

Fails Also to Placate City Men, Who Charge Burdens Are Unequal.

WOULD INCREASE INCOME TAX

Proposed Additional General Property Levy Cut From 12 to 7 Cents.

Representatives of the cities of Virginia will bring to a climax their fight on the plan to materially inscheme of taxation for highways submitted last night by a subcommit-The task of this subcommittee had

to do primarily with finding taxable subjects, other than general property,

subjects, other than general property, from which to raise the needed revenue to be expended for road purposes. This it did, and, in arriving at the amount of money to be realized for all purposes, it included \$609,000 a year for county roads.

The report not only fails to meet the ideas of the State highway advocates, who declare it falls short of meeting the Federal aid for a period of two years by nearly \$900,000, but it does not placate the city men, who say it has only partially relieved the towns of the burden of unequal taxation.

First—To reduce the additional tax of 12 cents on the \$100 of general property to 7 cents. This, in some measure, meets the complaint of the cities that a general property tax falls principally upon the municipallities, since subjects for this levy are in a majority of the countres assessed far below their actual value. Real estate in the cities, they say, is taxed upon a figure representing about two-thirds its market price, while in the country the same subject is in some localities assessed at about one-third its value.

Second—To increase the automobile license tax 100 per cent, one-half of the increase to be used for construction of highways.

license tax 100 per cent, one-half of the increase to be used for construction of highways embraced in the State system, and the other to be expended on the county roads. This is least objectionable to the city men.

To Increase Income Tax.

Third—To increase by 1 per cent the levy upon taxable incomes in excess of \$3,000. Representatives of the cities declare that this additional burden of taxation will fall principally upon the municipalities.

Fourth—To increase by one-eighth of I per cent the tax on gross earnings of rallroads operated by steam. This recommendation was passed by for discussion last night because of the fact that Judge William F. Rhea. of the State Corporation Commission, holds that the increase may be unconstitutional. He will appear before, the committee this morning and explain this ruling.

Fifth—To increase the tax on licenses of express companies one-half of 1 per cent. and that of steamboats three-eights of 1 per cent.

Sixth—To increase the tax on licenses of merchants who purchase less than \$1,000 worth of goods a year from \$5 to \$15, and the tax on licenses of merchants purchasing more than \$2,000 a year from \$5 to \$10 on the first class of merchants only. Senator Cannon offered an amendment making the recommendation, as it now stands.

Will Welcome Increase.

D. B. Ryland, business manager of

Will Welcome Increase.

D. B. Ryland. business manager of the Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce, and W. A. Clarke, secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association of Richmond. both declared that the merchants would welcome an increase of the tax on licenses, and had asked for it several years ago. Senator Robertson made a plea for the small crossreads merchant, who, he said, would be frozen out of business under the burden of a higher levy. Senator West opposed the change for the reason that he wishes this subject of taxation to be left to the localities. In this position he was upheld by Senator Andrews.

Major I. Walke Truxton a member Will Welcome Increase.

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Major I. Walke Truxton, a member of the City Council of Norfolk, asked the committee to take some steps toward making the burden of taxation more equal as between the cities and the counties, declaring that it is eminently unfair that, in a general property levy, the cities which assess their property at something like its real value should be made to furnish most of the money realized through this taxation.

Favors Equalization Board.

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This prompted Senator Goolrick to declare that he is in favor of a central board for the equalization of taxes, but that it is too late now to inject that issue, so far as a correction at this session is concerned.

The committee will meet this morning at 10 o'clock to take final action on the report and to give a hearing to men who wish to be heard.

Comment by the subcommittee on its report follows:

"Bills have been drawn, which are herewith presented, amending and reneating the necessary sections of the tax laws and adding sections which are proper in order to meet the new sources of taxation.

"In addition to all the above, a license is imposed upon manufacturers of soft drinks, which, it is thought, is eminently proper, and which is in addition to the other bills herein mentioned. This bill does not raise the minimum tax upon the manufacturers of soft drinks, but simply purposes that the minimum tax shall be \$22.50, and that manufacturers of soft drinks, but simply purposes that the minimum tax shall be \$22.50, and that manufacturers of soft drinks, on amount of sales in excess of \$10,000 shall pay 10 cents on the \$100 as a license tax.

"We have included in the above re-

a license tax.

"We have included in the above report a recommendation that the franchise tax on public service corporations be increased one-eighth of 1 per cent. In this connection, however, we wish